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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to rules for issuing receipts pertaining to bail bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 1704.305, of the Texas Occupations Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 1704.305.  BAIL BOND RECEIPT AND INSPECTION; OFFENSE. (a) A bail bond surety or an agent of a bail bond surety may not receive money or other consideration or thing of value from a person for whom the bail bond surety executes a bond unless the bail bond surety or agent issues a receipt to the person as provided by Subsection (b).

(b)  The receipt must state:

(1)  the name of the person who pays the money or transfers the consideration or thing of value;

(2)  the amount of money paid or the estimated amount of value transferred;

(3)  if the person transfers consideration or a thing of value, a brief description of the consideration or thing of value;

(4)  the name of the defendant [~~style]~~ and number of the case and the court in which the bond is executed, if available; and

(5)  the name of the person receiving the money, consideration, or thing of value.

(c)  A bail bond surety or an agent of a bail bond surety shall retain a duplicate or electronic copy of a receipt issued under Subsection (a). The copy of the receipt shall be made available for inspection by:

(1)  a representative of the board in any county in which the bail bond surety is licensed; and

(2)  an appointed representative of a court in which the bail bond surety agrees to execute bail bonds.

(d)  A receipt may be supplemented.

[~~(e)  A person commits an offense if the person violates this section. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.~~]

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.